(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAJMANGAL PANDE): (a) The districts of Adilabad, Mahbubnagar, Karimnagar, Medak, Nizamabad, Vizianagaram, Nalgonda, Srikakulam, Warangal, Khammam, Visakhapatnam Kurnool, Anantpur, Prakasam, Rangareddi, Cuddapah, Chittoor, Nellore, East Godavari and Guntur in Andhra Pradesh have literacy rates below the national average.

(b) and (c) Under the centrally sponsored schemes such as Operation Blackboard, Teacher Education, Non-Formal Education and Adult Education Programmes, financial assistance is being provided to the State Governments for educational development. In addition, the entire State of Andhra Pradesh is covered by the Andhra Pradesh Primary Education Project which is financed by the Overseas Development Agency, the United Kingdom.

Private Sector Participation in Power Generation in Andhra Pradesh

195. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of private entrepreneures have approached the Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board for setting up power generation projects in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what are the names of such parties and what action has been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI BABANRAO DHAKNE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government of Andhra Pradesh invited offers for private sector participation by advertisement in newspapers on 28-8-1990. 61 offers from privte entrepreneurs have been received by the State Government for setting up of power generation projects. Nine offers were received for Vishakhapatnam TPS (2X500 MW), 28 offers were received for gas based power station, 24 offers were received for micro, hydel and other non-conventional sources and these offers are under consideration.

Foreign Airlines to operate in India

196. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to permit any foreign airline to operate in India; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI HARMOHAN DHAWAN): (a) and (b) Foreign Airlines can operate to/from/through India in terms of bilateral agreements arrived at Government level. Such bilateral agreements already exist between India and various foreign countries and a large number of foreign airlines already have the rights to operate to|from|through India. No foreign airline is, however permitted to operate domestic services in India.

Price Control on Trinidazole

197. CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the price given on Form 1A of Trinidazole by M/s. Pfizer and Cadila and at what price the formulations based on this drug are being sold by these two companies;

(b) whether it is a fact that this drug has been exempted from price control;

(c) what is the annual turn over of the drug and what are the reasons for keeping this drug outside price control; and

(d) what exclusion criteria fixed by the Kelkar Committee are fulfilled by this drug?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) The

information will be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

(b) to (d) Kelkar Commitee did not recommend inclusion of this drug in Category-II in its report. However, a Standing Committee has been set up to review the anomalies in the Kelkar Committee Report. That Committee is also considering the turnover and other aspects relating to this drug with a view to consider its possible inclusion in the price control.

Prices of Metranidazole Formulations

198. CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK:
SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 150 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th January, 1991 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Metranidazole is available at Rs. 320/- per kg. in the market;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the price of formulations have been fixed at Rs. 482/- per kg. plus 8 per cent incidental charges;

(c) what are the names of the five leading formulators of Metranidazole whose formulations are based on purchase material;

(d) whether his Ministry have verified the purchase prices of these formulators.

(e) what is the price at which these formulators purchased Metranidazole during the last one year;

(f) what is the total demand of this drug and what is the approximate amount overcharged on the formulations based on this drug from the consumers per annum;

(g) whether his Ministry have received the report on the price of this drug; and

(h) if so, by when the price of bulk drug and formulations based on this drug would be fixed?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) Market prices are not monitored by my Ministry.

(b) to (h) Earlier the prices of formulations were fixed on the basis of notified price of the bulk drug. However, it has now been decided to fix the prices of formulation on the basis of the purchase price or the notified price, whichever is lower.

Effective from 1-2-1991, Government has reduced the price of Metramidazole and Metranidazole Benzoate from the existing level of Rs. 482/- and Rs. 511/- to Rs. 428/- and Rs. 380/- per flg. respectively. BICP has been requested to work out the prices of formulations of these drugs on *suo moto* basis immediately so that the revised prices could be announced expeditiously.

The indigenous demand of Metranidazole is estimated at 484.00 tonnes during the year 1990-91.

Prices of Analgin

199. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Analgin is being sold at Rs. 240/- per kg. in the open market;

(b) what is the notified price of Analgin and when the same was notified;

(c) when the BICP conducted cost and technical study of Analgin under DPCO 1987 and what price was recommended by the BICP;

(d) what is the price of bulk drug at which the price of Novalgin range of formulations have been fixed and what are their present prices;

(e) whether it is a fact that the producer of Novalgin formulation has made an unintended benefit of around